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The men's basketball signees are: Phillip August, Julius Campbell, Davetrick Laird, Sheldrick Lard, Richard Rhyans, Kevin Tolliver, Adrian Vogeltanz, Fredick Ward and Robert Ware.

Pilots sign nine high school seniors to letters of intent

by David Raiford Staff Writer

The LSUS basketball program took a step towards becoming a competitive participant in college basketball with the signing of nine high school seniors to letters of intent at a news conference Wednesday, April 12.

Technically, the letters the players signed don't mean much since LSUS doesn't offer athletic scholarships of any kind.

Psychologically, however, the letters mean a lot to the players who sign and the coach who has spent the past year recruit-

According to Bill Wood, LSUS sports information director, the signing also gives the LSUS athletic program some attention - attention that doesn't come easy when your teams don't post winning sea-

For his efforts, Cook has a varying array of area high school talent. Cook has shifted LSUS' recruiting focus from strictly local to regional. Of the nine seniors that signed, two are from South Louisiana, one is from Arkansas and arother from

All of the nine players come from successful programs, so they know how to win, and that's something the Pilots definitely need.

To say that Coach Cook is optimistic about the Pilots' prospects is an understatement. At the news conference, Cook announced a new beginning in Pilots basketball and blasted the perception held by many that the Pilots program isn't for real.

"This is not a recreational league," said Cook. "I am here to win. We have 27 games scheduled and we can win all 27."

Every school LSUS plays offers scholarships. "That's a tremendous obstacle to overcome when you're recruiting," said Cook. According to Cook, even the schools that claim they don't offer athletic scholarships manage to offer leadership grants or other perks to prospective play-

In contrast, LSUS can't offer an athlete any compensation in the way of athletic grants or scholarships, but they can offer a decent education, even if you do have to pay for it yourself.

What Cook would like to see is the eventual addition of some type of athletic scholarship program so he can compete with other schools in his league. Until then he'll have to get by on the type of determination that put together the type of recruiting class we have this year.

Chancellor responds to restructuring proposal

by Darren Svan Associate Editor

Chancellor John Darling responded Wednesday to the recommendation made by the Council of Chairs, Deans, Faculty Senate, and the Strategy 2000 Task Force to streamline the current administrative structure of the Executive Council.

Presently, some faculty and administrators feel that academic needs at LSUS are not being addressed in a timely fashion by the Executive Council.

"If the Executive Council worked efficiently and timely on issues concerning academics there wouldn't be unanimous support for administrative reorganization called for by Deans, Chairs, the Faulty Senate and the Staff Senate," said Joe Patrick, assistant professor of foreign language.

Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said, "The assumption and misconception out there is that each of us has to take everything we do to that executive Council and get it voted on before we can make a decision. That's not true, you can't run a university by committee."

The decision making process of the university is currently structured so that the Executive Council advises Chancellor Darling about decisions involving university affairs. The Council includes: The vice chancellors of student affairs, academic affairs, business affairs and university rela-

Another point of contention outlined in the proposed restructuring recommendation is a perceived lack of academic interest represented in the Executive Council.

"If academic Deans were members of the Executive Council they would be directly involved with academic policies and privy to all announcements, concerns, questions, assignments, etc. that occur in the Executive Council meetings," Patrick said.

Raines said, "I don't buy this bit that academic affair's issues are not getting attention. It's the dominant part of the family. We're here to teach and our main purpose is acad-

Chancellor Darling addressed the perceived problems with the Executive Council in a meeting with Dr. Milton Finley,

See Darling, P.7

"No Dunking"



After nearly a semester of manual labor, and an even longer wait before the floor was even touched, the gym floor in the H & PE building should be completely renovated by the middle or the end of May, according to Bill Wood. LSUS sports information director.

McMillian recipient of Tabarlet Scholarship

Press Release

Deania L. McMillian has been selected as the 1995 recipient of the College of Education B.E. Tabarlet Scholarship. She has earned a 3.831 GPA on 107 undergraduate academic semester hours at LSUS.

McMillian is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and was the recipient of the 1994 Department of Education Academic Convocation Award for elementary education.

She has participated in intramural sports, including representing LSUS in state competition in softball and flag football. She has also participated in the LSUS annual Health Fair, tutored low income children at Wilkinson Terrace Housing Project, and participated in the Math Magic program at Stoner Hill Elementary School.

Recently married to Mark McMillian, the former Deania Law now lives in Stonewall, Louisiana.

Selection of McMillian was made by the College of Education Scholarship Committee, which includes student and faculty representation from the three academic departments in the college.

Dr. George A. Kemp, Assistant Dean of the College and Chairperson of the

Committee, indicated that the selection was very competitive this year, and although McMillian was the clear choice of the committee, the other candidates were excellent. Kemp has forwarded their credentials to Edgar Chase, Director of Financial Aid, so that it can be determined whether they might qualify for other scholarships which may not be committed.

Dr. Tabarlet, who retired in 1988, was the founding Dean of the College of Education. His commitment to the training of professional educators and academic excellence was the basis for the scholarship under the LSUS Foundation.

The Scholarship provides a \$250 stipend which must be used for tuition, fees, books or other school expenses at LSUS. The scholarship is awarded to a United States citizen who will be a returning student classified as a sophomore, junior or senior majoring in a program in the College of Education, possessing a minimal grade point average of 3.0, and exhibiting significant professional promise.

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Program prepares students for leadership positions

by Tricia Webb Contributing Writer

A new program will be making an appearance on campus this fall. The LSUS American Humanics Program is a program designed to prepare students for leadership positions in voluntary youth and human service organizations.

It is a cooperative effort between American Humanics, Inc. and LSUS, and is open to any undergraduate major or baccalaureate degree holder.

The program will receive no school money. Instead, it will be funded solely through money donated by not-for-profit organizations such as Volunteers of America and C-BARC.

All students are eligible for loans, as well as limited scholarship funds, through the American Humanics Student Loan Fund following their freshman year.

Dr. Norman Dolch, professor of history and social sciences, said the program is not a degree program, but a certificate program.

"Students should be able to fit this program into their existing major with either no additional course work or minimal extra coursework beyond their normal requirements," Dolch said.

Dolch said obtaining a certificate in the program will give students great opportunities. "There are about 3,500 entry-level positions available with these (not-for-profit) agencies each year. The job prospects are quite good," Dolch said.

In addition to the program, Dolch said, we should expect to see a new organization this fall. Dolch and students who are already interested in the program are hoping to start their own student organization.

"This organization will be open to students whether or not they are in the program. If a student wants to get involved, do something with the community, and learn some great skills, this (organization) is a good way," Dolch said.

John Thomas, director of the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., has already said he will come to the school to speak to the organization about sexual harassment and equal opportunity employment.

For more information on the LSUS American Humanics Program, contact Dr. Norman Dolch at (318) 797-5235, or go by Bronson Hall Room 355.



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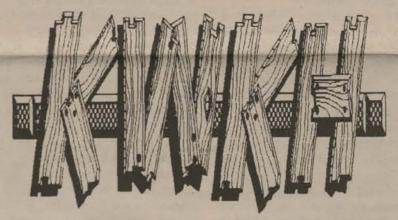
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From the Editor

Student papers are run by and for the student body

Yes, the ugly rumor is true. This is the last issue of *The Almagest* in which you will have to open this editorial page to my hideous mug shot (you will, however, have to look at Drew another semester).

I gave up what little social life I had this time last year when I committed to being the Editor of this student newspaper. It wasn't a hard decision then, but August and September left me wondering what I had gotten myself into.

I could have easily bailed out after Christmas, and let me assure you that the thought did cross my mind. One of my friends even had me convinced that I could not juggle my classes, my job and the paper all at once. But I had been successful in the fall, what would make the spring so different?

Nothing. No problem.

Now, I'm not getting misty-eyed while reminiscing. And I am not kicking myself for not getting off of the third floor of Bronson Hall sooner. I realize though that I am one semester away from graduating (I usually don't count the summer term) and entering the Real World.

Yes, I said the Real World. It is a place that is not too far from here. What I mean is, The Almagest is a stepping stone to a bigger and better newspaper, and I don't necessarily mean The Shreveport Times (although a job there would pay more than I make working on this paper)

The students that report and write for this paper are gaining valuable experience and training for what is out there after their college career.

When I think about some of the stories we have covered, they are not too far from what college graduates, who are earning their living writing for newspapers, are reporting and writing.

I could have used this forum as a last ditch effort to take a parting shot at the faculty, administration, or some other organization on campus (read Student Government), but I didn't. And I won't.

Before you get all huffy, and for some of you it is too late, realize that *The Almagest* is a student newspaper. It is run by and for the student body at LSUS. It is written by and for the student body.

We here at the paper are mere students, not superhumans. And though we do have that burning desire for knowledge and truth that journalists are known for, it must be spread among the newspaper, our classes, our jobs and our families.

We realize, and you should too, that one person cannot be all places at all times. If there is something you would like to see in this paper, let us know.

There is usually someone wandering around near the third floor offices, and though *The Almagest* is not yet on the information superhighway, we do have an answering machine. Give us a call, whether it be next week or next semester, and tell us your thoughts and dreams for *The Almagest*.

Take some time this summer to relax, because we will be back in the fall. As for me, don't worry, I will spend my break reserving my strength to get back on the SGA beat

By the way, it was worth it all.

Alexis Alexander (Lame Duck) Editor

A conservative's guide to celebrating Earth Day

Tomorrow is Earth Day. Assuming that the earth doesn't warm up too much between now and then, I think I'll do a little celebrating.

Every Earth Day, I like to put on my asbestos suit and go for a spin in

my gas-guzzling car. Some maintenance goes into this project before I can hit the road, however.

First, I vent the freon from my air-conditioner to the atmosphere. I've always found it hard to tan, and so I'm doing my



Drew White

part to help people out by thinning the ozone layer.

Next comes the oil change. I like to drain my old oil directly into a local pond. If the tires are starting to go bald, I'll save the used oil to start the old ones ablaze after replacement. This is a form of conservation, since no new oil is used in the process.

Finally, I'll polish the entire car using only carcinogenic solvents from aerosol containers.

This is a lot of work to go through just to drive into town and eat veal, but I say it's worthwhile. Earth Day comes but once a year.

I assure you that somebody reading this will be scandalized. As I am obviously somewhat conservative, there are some who would find much of my Earth Day revelry to be fully in character.

All on the right side of the political spectrum are out to destroy the planet and escape in GOP space shuttles. I've got my ticket right here.

At last check, this is still a free country, and you green ninnies are certainly entitled to an opinion and a voice, but think about some of this silliness before putting it on a t-shirt.

There are those who would have you believe that the industrialized nations of the world have destroyed the environment. World conditions would seem to point to other conclusions, with industrialized nations leading in all measures of health and prosperity. The two are not mutually exclusive.

The more extreme of these people wish for a simpler time when man had more in common with animals and lived in a totally agrarian society. Proponents of such extreme measures will surely view opposable digits as an unfair advantage over other species.

Would somebody please tell me why global warming is such a big deal now when a new ice-age was the rage several years ago?

And why the solution then is the same as the solution now, namely reducing the industrial capacity of the more successful nations? And while you're at it, why is it that money from the great satan (the U.S.) is all that stands between us and oblivion?

One recent target for the worriers is air-conditioning, or more specifically, the freon used in air-conditioning. With a simple and sympathetic administration, encouraged by pinheads in Congress and the EPA, old forms of freon have been outlawed. In its place is a new type of coolant with many of the same properties, but this new coolant has not been shown to be significantly more "ozone friendly" than the old.

One thing that has been proven is that the new coolant is less efficient, and therefore requires more equipment to produce the same cooling effect, thereby filling up landfills faster.

Logic is a wonderful thing. The next logical step is to outlaw air-conditioners all together. Imagine, if you will what your life would be like without it

Yes, I know that your grandparents did without, but they didn't like it did they? Air conditioning is just one more thing that separates us from squirrels. You can have my air-conditioner when you pry my cold, dead fingers off of the thermostat.

I have been patiently waiting since before the SGA election for *The* Almagest to print something resembling

news. You know, news; non-opinionated truthful information.

However, as far as their coverage of the SGA election is concerned, information has been close to non-existent. For instance: Where was the background informa-



Leondrae E.
Cooper
Guest Column

tion on all of the candidates? What were their platforms? In short, do you know who you voted for or how that person feels about the issues concerning students?

Well, if you don't know, it's still not too late to get involved in the SGA and get some answers. Join the SGA. Go to the meetings. They are open to the student body. Find out all of the information your newspaper forgot to tell you.

Go talk to your new SGA President and Vice-President. Tell them your concerns. Find out what you can about their politics and then work with them to uphold students rights at this university.

The alternative is to remain apathetic and allow an entertainment rag to urge you to vote through an endorsement based on who knows what. Surely not unbiased information. John Braud says he was not interviewed. Apparently none of the candidates were.

Please don't misunderstand me. I'm not saying that *The Almagest* should not have endorsed John Braud. I just think an endorsement should be based on more than hero-worship.

I would hold the Editor accountable for the lack of information about the SGA, but she was overheard to say to a certain part-time senator (Senator of the Year), that she, the Editor, didn't have control over what other people wrote. Ahem! Will someone please look up the word "editor" for me.

By the way, the Editor was invited to the SGA banquet on Friday night. This is the banquet where the new officers were sworn in. Although the Editor did respond to the invitation, promising her attendance, she was a no show.

That doesn't surprise me. She, nor anyone else on her staff, was at the SGA meeting when we discussed the banquet, nor was she there when the SGA talked to Dr. Bates trying to cancel the proficiency exam.

So, if you are not aware of what the SGA has done for you lately, it could be that no one is reporting the information. Excuse me, but isn't that the job of our newspaper? Does someone need to grow up and do their job?

Maybe we might get some news if the editor decided to be the head-monkey in charge of her own zoo rather than playing in the SGA's kingdom. How does that saying go? If you can't say something nice, then at least tell the truth.

Well, if we can't get news, can we at least get the names spelled correctly? It's spelled L E O N D R A E.

Cooper is a junior majoring in education. She served as a SGA senator this semester. She was also a candidate for SGA president.



This is the final issue of the 1994-1995
Almagest. We will return next semester under new management.
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HID treasure hunter is disappointed once again

Every year a madness takes over a select few citizens of Shreveport and Bossier City. When this terrifying sickness encompasses us we have only one thought in our Vicki Panos greatly disgreatly disfund the Holiday in Dixie treasure.

Like the majority of the hunters out there, I am always disappointed. The clues never make sense. They are always indecipherable and unintelligible. It's almost as if the clue writer is as warped as the hunters. I have never been able to pin down a location, so I usually end up kicking myself because I completely misread the clues.

This year I kicked myself again, but for a very different reason. Thursday afternoon I went to the Norton Art Gallery and looked behind the barrier where the treasure was eventually found. I even moved an azalea bush so I could look behind a post. Nothing unusual seemed to be there, so I left. Even though most of the clues led me to this particular spot, I didn't, in my heart, believe it was there. One reason for this was that no one, and I mean no one, was looking at the Gallery. I thought, if no one else is looking here I must really be off.

Friday morning, *The Times* printed Clue No. 8. It read, "Nearby you will see a room with no view; but stay by the street, keep off the dew." This clue convinced me even more that the treasure was not at the Gallery because I interpreted the dew as grass. As I said, I pulled back the azalea bush to look for the elusive prize.

Also on Friday morning, The Times ran a story on the same page as the printed clues. It was entitled "Area residents go great guns looking for 'Holiday' treasure."

In it, Kay Pierson, Holiday in Dixie Executive Director, said that the treasure looked "something ordinary to a business, something any business would use." I concluded that I had seen nothing resembling that description behind the barrier, so I thought nothing more about the Norton Art Gallery until later that evening.

Every television station's 10 o'clock news announced that the treasure turned up at, of all places, the Norton Art Gallery. I was kicking myself for not looking in every nook and cranny of that place. Saturday morning's *Times* only furthered my self-abashing behavior. A story on the front page revealed that the treasure was located behind the very barricade I had searched.

At this point, I considered myself the biggest fool on the planet. What kind of idiot can't see an ordinary business supply behind a post? I was racking my brain wondering how I could have missed it.

Later that evening, Channel 3 ran a story about the two men who had found the treasure. There was the guard rail and the azalea bush I had come to know. All the while I was cursing myself. Then it happened. The treasure was shown. Suddenly, all the anger I felt towards myself evaporated. my anger was now greater and aimed at the Holiday in Dixie people.

This grand prize looked nothing like what a business would use. It looked like a laminated piece of paper covered with a type of paper or paneling that resembled wood. Suffice it to say, I wasn't searching for this. Even if I had seen the camouflaged prize on the pole, I never would have ripped it off. I would never dream that it contained \$2,000.

To me, disguising the treasure in this manner is an incentive to willfully destroy property. Anyone could claim that they broke, tore, or damaged any number of things believing it was the treasure.

After this year, people will know it's not enough to look. They must also feel their way. I still don't think I would run my hand up and down a wooden pole with an unlimited number of splinters waiting to greet me.

Eventually, someone will get hurt by a protruding nail, broken glass, or even a spider bite, and the treasure hunt will end.

But, until then, perhaps the clue writer would be so kind as to explain his or her clues to us. Just because you can make words rhyme doesn't mean you're a poet or a good clue writer.

Perhaps the clues are unexplainable, but that's a whole other story.

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Spring Fling ('95 revisited)

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Murphy, lead vocalist for Headstone River, entertains at Spring Fling.



Phi Mu sisters Kim Reed and Biidget Carey joust it out.



Tim McKnight does hard time at Phi Mu's jail booth.

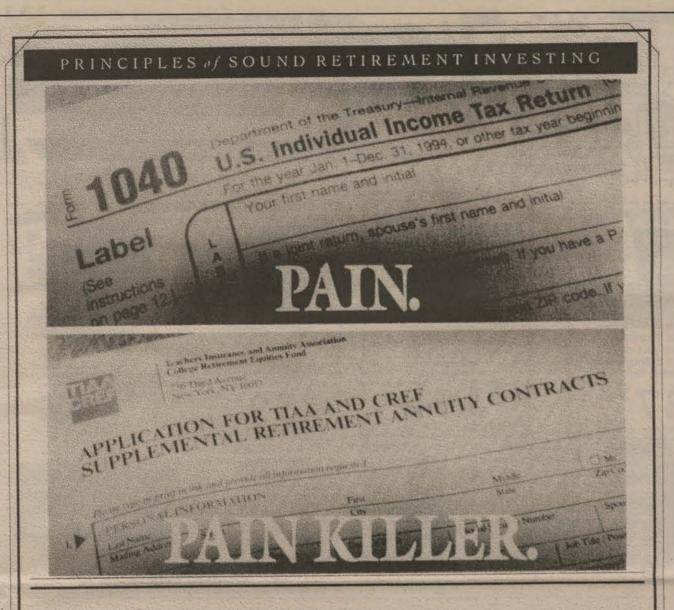


Guitarist Joe Leslie of Headstone River jams.



Allison Carter patrols the Society for Human Resource Management's nacho booth.

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Darling responds

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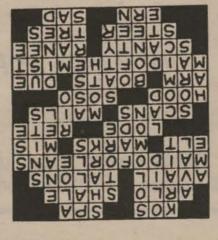
"The membership of this Council be extended to include, in addition to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors, a representative of the Deans Council, Council of Chairs, president of the Faculty Senate, president of the Staff Senate, and president of the Student Government Association.

"A study of the organization of LSU in Shreveport during the fall of 1995, using one or more external consultants, preferably from outside of the State of Louisiana. The consultant(s) will be invited to spend several days on campus visiting with appropriate individuals and councils.

"They (consultants) will make a recommendation about how we might be more efficiently organized," Darling said.

Finley said that the Strategy 2000 Task Force unanimously approved Chancellor Darling's proposals.

"It answers the fundamental problems of a perceived lack of impute and representation in the Executive Council," Finley said. "As president of the Faculty Senate I'm pleased you will have a direct link with the Executive Council through the Senate president."



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